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Ms. Kimberly Topper
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Dear Ms. Topper:

My name is Dr. John Chen and I am a private practice neurologist in Orange County, California. It has been my experience over the years that long-acting narcotics generally do not pose a problem when it comes to side effects or extreme potentials for abuse. I find that my personal experience with my patients with intractable pain is that the long-acting narcotics are very beneficial and provide my patients with excellent relief without many of the side effects from short-acting agents.

I believe the current media attention focused on OxyContin, a product of Purdue Pharmaceuticals, is generally unwarranted. It is my understanding that the individuals who are harmed by OxyContin were dosing it illegally or in manners that were never intended by the pharmaceutical manufacturer.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me, either through my office or at 714 730-0311.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John W. Chen, M.D.

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